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Pastoral Perspective

As I write this, there are many things rolling through my head – the foci are thanksgiving and community! Most of you know I am not a historian, but – I enjoy history. My training is in engineering, management, and, most recently, ministry. I am continually amazed at the stamina and courage of my forefathers. Please don't take this to mean just those that arrived on our shores in the 17th century. By forefathers, I am speaking of all those born prior to 1930!

One of those people is obviously Paul, also known as Saul. I am fairly certain that most of you reading this know of Paul's trials and tribulations. Yet, what does he encourage us to do? In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul writes: ^{*16*}*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!*" What in the world? How could he do that? How could he even think of being joyful, praying continually, and giving thanks always? Paul wrote the first letter to the Thessalonians to encourage the new converts in their trials.

Another set of forefathers are the Europeans that first settled on the eastern shores of what

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became the United States. Their lives were not all that wonderful. They certainly had reason to gripe and complain because only half of them survived the first winter on this continent! Yet, on the fourth Thursday of November, we celebrate Thanksgiving! Giving thanks in all circumstances and being joyful, as Paul encourages us?

Our nation celebrated its first "national day of thanksgiving" in 1863 by decree of President Abraham Lincoln. Recall that 1863 was the year of the first Union victory during the Civil War (Gettysburg). I suspect it was easier to celebrate in 1863 versus either 1861 or 1862 since victory and the continuance of the union was a little more assured. Our celebration of the fourth Thursday as Thanksgiving was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941. Recall that as a nation we were "pulling out of the depression" in 1939 and had not yet experienced Pearl Harbor when it was approved in 1941! Isn't it curious how the thanksgiving revolves around how we feel versus our being?



Ed Broestl

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So, where are we now? Following Paul's admonition – being joyful, praying continually, and giving thanks always? Not me! Have you seen what has happened lately regarding [you fill in the blank]. I have every reason to be grumpy! I have every reason to quit relying on prayer! I have every reason to not be thankful! Notice the personal pronoun? My major wasn't English either – but – it really seems odd that "I" is so prominent!

We now come to the second focus of my thoughts: community! As you recall the previous Thanksgivings in your life, can you remember one that was truly thankful without community? As a youngster, there were always either many people at our house or we would visit family. In the military, you never knew where you might be on Thanksgiving. My most precious Thanksgiving memories while in the military are sharing a meal with those that were in the "family" of God. Now it just seem "right" to be with friends and family on Thanksgiving. It is always joyous...always filled with prayer...always being thankful that we can celebrate the holiday.

So, where am I going with this community? It is so easy to get introspective when we are alone. To think of only oneself and how rough it seems to be. How precious it is to know that even when we are "apparently" alone that God-Holy Spirit is with us. And as we will celebrate on the first weekend of November – All Saint's Sunday...we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses...some who struggled like we will never struggle.

As you read this please be reminded that God surrounds us. God loves us so much that God, in Jesus, died that we might be joyful, might pray continually, and might be thankful in all things – every day...not just on the fourth Thursday of November.

May God be with you each day and forever!

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We are reminding you once again about our ongoing "Cross Project."

Do you have a favorite cross?

Have you wanted to craft one to commemorate a special person or event?

You can bring in crosses in any medium donated "in memory of," "in honor of" (a person or event), purchased on a memorable trip, or crafted "just because I love Jesus."

These will be permanently mounted with a plaque (if you choose) in the new Education wing—in the "Crossways" by the library.

We hope that you will be inspired to contribute over the years.

There is a small monetary donation of \$10 to defray the cost of the plaque.

If you have questions, contact one of the following:

Katherine Spencer-Inskeep (303) 678-5710

Laurel Schemmel (303) 678-0715

Marci Rothe (303) 682-0695

Or call Janelle Olson at the church office: (303) 776-8771



Consecration Weekend is Coming—November 15 & 16

Our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

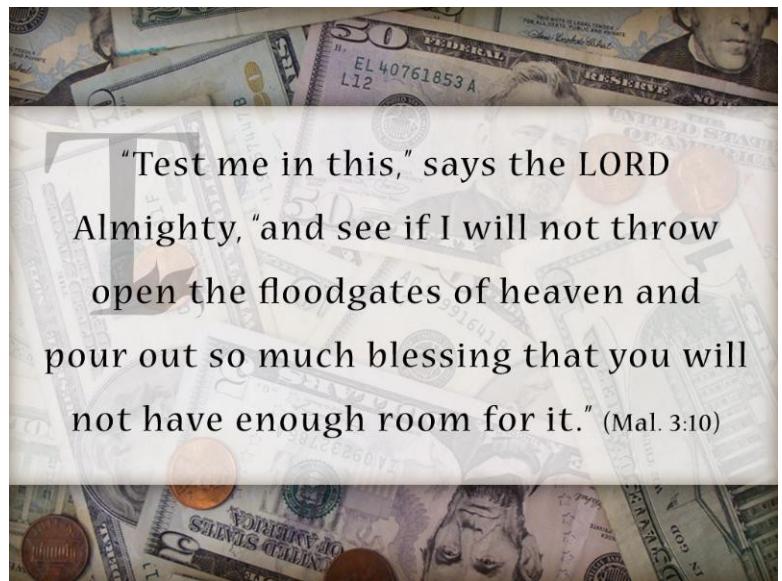
During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily as a part of our morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Mark Praska
Congregation President



"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it." (Mal. 3:10)



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church New Orleans, LA

"By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain."

I Corinthians 15:10

Update to New Orleans Recovery Efforts

For the past three years, FCLC Outreach has been providing support for the New Orleans recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Work is still desperately needed in rebuilding New Orleans with a focus on providing affordable housing.

One of the churches that we've been supporting, Grace Lutheran Church, provides us with frequent updates through their "Saving Grace" Newsletter and their website www.gracenola.com. With all the incredible support they've received, they are now happy to report that their church has been restored.

Here is an excerpt from their newsletter regarding their recently released book of thanks called "The Essences of Grace":

"The book is a wonderful collection of stories of coming home to not just the reality of suffering and destruction, but to the grace of God that we experienced like never before. That grace was your ministry to us, a grace that has not been in vain as we read from the apostle Paul. This book is our way of giving thanks to God or you and all you have done for us these past years."

Contact information for Grace NOLA (Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Orleans, LA):

Telephone

504-482-4994

Location and UPS shipping address

5800 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124

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Post Office Box 791163, New Orleans, LA 70179

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Webmaster: webmaster@gracenola.com

Pastor Leon Philpot

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Christian Education News

Nanette Goings, Director of Education

Sunday School Service Projects. . .Did you know?

- On Oct. 12, preschool and kindergarten Sunday schoolers packed and prayed over 25 Care Packages sent to FCLC's college-aged members?
- First through fifth grade Sunday schoolers made over 60 "Snuggle Socks" during September and October for the injured birds and squirrels at Greenwood Wildlife Center outside of Lyons?
- The middle school Sunday school class once again packed 30 lunches for Longmont's homeless and wrote notes offering encouragement on the bags?



Are you filling your shoebox?

The deadline is sooner than you might think!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is now underway! Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran. Fill a shoebox with small toys and personal hygiene items, and return to church by Nov. 16. (Shoeboxes will be packed up and taken to the processing facility on Nov. 17.) For more information, pick up a brochure on the Christian Education bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs by the office.



Faith Community Lutheran's 10,000 Steps-A-Day Walking Challenge: "Hooray Luncheon"



Which team will win a Whole Foods Gift Card for each member? Drawing for these and other amazing final prizes for all who have participated in this Health and Wellness Ministry sponsored event will take place in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:15-1:30 pm** at the "Hooray Luncheon". Check with your team captain to see which healthy food your team should bring!

WEAVERS OF THE CLOTH CRAFT SALE

Sunday, Nov. 30, 9:00 am–12:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Proceeds are used to fund the Head Start School Bag Project and additional projects. Purchase inexpensive hand-crafted Christmas gifts for every member of your family!

ADVENT NIGHT

Prepare for Christmas by commemorating the season of Advent! Come join us for the annual tradition of ADVENT NIGHT on Sunday, Nov. 30, 6-7:30 pm. Scripture readings, Christmas music, decorating FCLC's Christmas tree, craft activities, and Christmas edibles for all ages comprise this evening to focus on the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Remember. . .sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs next to the church office by Nov. 23, to reserve your spot!!



Christian Education Theme for November: Jesus' Birth through Isaiah's Eyes

Scripture Basis: Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7

Memory Verse for November:

"A Child has been born for us... and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Questions to discuss at home:

1. Do you have a nickname?
2. What does this nickname tell about you?
3. What are some names we know Jesus by?
4. What do we learn about Jesus from these names?

Christian Education Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov. 16		OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes are due!
Nov. 16	12:15 pm	"Hooray Luncheon" for 10,000 Step Walkers
Nov. 26		NO CONFIRMATION
Nov. 30		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nov. 30	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth Craft Sale
Nov. 30	6:00-7:30 pm	Advent Night
Dec. 6	10:00-11:00 am	Sunday School Workshop Leader Training

Nanette Goings, Director of Christian Education nanette@fclc.org

Mary Konicek, Christian Education Chairperson marylarrykids@aol.com

Grocery Gift Cards



We have grocery gift cards for both Safeway and King Soopers. So, stop by the red grocery booth and purchase your cards on Sunday mornings for all your grocery shopping needs. They will be available between services.

Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards and these monies support the Education Ministry this month.

There is no extra cost to you. You buy \$100 of gift cards and get to spend \$100 at the grocery store. The store, however, gives FCLC \$5 per \$100!

Outreach News

November Focus: International Outreach

The Outreach Focus for the month of November is International Outreach. Along with the missionaries that we support in Mexico, Hong Kong, India, and Turkey, FCLC Outreach Committee would like to bring focus to Samaritan's Purse and Compassion International organizations.

In November, FCLC Outreach gives you the opportunity to reach out to international children by either filling a shoebox full of gifts/toys for Operation Christmas Child Program, or by sponsoring a child on "Compassion Sunday" - Sunday, Nov. 9.



Compassion International and Child Sponsorship Program: The Compassion International organization began in 1952 by providing orphans in the Korean War with food, shelter, education, and health care, as well as Christian training. It has since expanded as a Christian child advocacy ministry reaching out to more than 1 million children in 24 countries including Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Central & South America. More information can be found on their website at www.compassion.com.

The Child Sponsorship Program provides children with skills they need so they may have a quality and sustainable livelihood. **For just \$32/month, you can sponsor a child and make a difference in their life and their spiritual growth.** When you choose to sponsor a child in need, you are linked with one particular child who will know your name and correspond with you. If you are interested in this Child Sponsorship Program, there will be an opportunity to sponsor a child on "Compassion Sunday" on Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Narthex. If you have questions and/or would like to sponsor a child today, please contact LaRae Schaff at schaffs2003@yahoo.com.

Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child: Samaritan's Purse, started in 1970, is an international Christian relief organization that provides spiritual and physical support to victims of war, poverty, natural disaster, and disease. A main focus for Samaritan's Purse is to provide emergency disaster relief and community development as well as provide food/water and quality healthcare to those countries in need. More information can be found on their website at www.samaritanspurse.org. One of their many programs is Operation Christmas Child. This program began in 1993 and reaches out to children under 14 in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Every year, FCLC participates in this program by collecting shoeboxes full of gifts for children. **This year the shoeboxes will be collected in the "Outreach Corner" (SW Corner of Narthex) and delivered on Nov. 16.** So... don't forget to fill a shoebox full of toys, school supplies, hard candy, etc... anything you think will bring delight to a child.

Holidays are just around the corner...



Advent Alternative Giving Options: Are you struggling to find a gift for someone who has everything? FCLC Outreach has a solution for you: Dedicate a charitable donation to that person. Each Sunday during Advent, FCLC Outreach will have a table setup in the Narthex to help you with this donation. If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt at tami.m@comcast.net.

Holiday Giving Tree: FCLC Outreach will be supporting the St. Vrain Holiday Giving Program this Christmas. Towards the end of November, there will be a Giving Tree set up in the "Outreach Corner" (SW Corner of the Narthex). This tree will have angel tags hung on it that you can take and then purchase the gift. All gifts will be collected in early December to be distributed to local kids in need. More details will follow in the bulletin and December Newsletter.

Outreach News – *continued***Outreach to Kids in Longmont: Kids Hope USA**

Have you ever thought about mentoring a child? FCLC Outreach Committee is considering a mentoring program called Kids Hope USA, which partners our church with a local elementary school. More information on this program can be found at www.kidshopeusa.org. We are looking for a few good people who might consider being a mentor for one hour every week throughout the school year. Depending on the interest level, we would like to start this program in September 2009, and we are asking for your prayers that someone will step forward to be the program coordinator. The program coordinator is a part-time, paid position in which the rewards far outweigh the effort: must enjoy kids in a challenging, life-changing process! If you have any questions or are interested in this position, please contact Pat Sharp at m6sharp@aol.com.

Mexico Mission Trip -- Spring 2009

FCLC Outreach is in the planning stages of organizing a mission trip with Brother George Rivera to Galeana, Mexico to help with some church repairs. The current plan is to go during Spring Break (March 28-April 5, 2009). If you're interested, please contact Cindy Hansen at cindy@fclc.org.

Gently Used Sports Shoes Needed

Do you have kids who are active in sports? If so, it probably seems like you're constantly buying them new shoes at the start of every season as they have outgrown their old shoes. These old shoes, especially basketball shoes (which are never worn outside the court), may be in almost perfect condition so it's hard to justify throwing them out. Kaydene Hubert is leading an effort to collect these shoes and donate them to kids who really need them. If you have ANY sport shoes to be donated that still have plenty of wear in them, please contact Kaydene Hubert at wkrasae@msn.com or (303) 845-2290.

Good Samaritan Fund

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need. It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller at susan@fclc.org.

**Missions Fund**

Is the Lord calling you to use your talents and spread the Good News in another country? If you are planning a mission trip, we want to give you the support you need. In 2007, FCLC Outreach started a fund that is used to give financial support to members going on a mission trip. Please contact the Outreach Committee (outreach-team@fclc.org) if you're interested in applying for the fund.

Seminary Scholarship Fund

Are you considering serving the Lord by going to seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has set up a fund to support students who attend seminary. Please contact the Outreach Committee (outreach-team@fclc.org) if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement.

Thank YOU!!

Helping Out the OUR Center...Thank YOU!!!

A Big Thank You goes out to *Susie Groshong, Melanie Mealy, Tami Musfeldt, Cissy and Bob Reed, Steven Schumacher, Pete and Sandy Seale, and Donna Smith* for helping to prepare and serve lunch at the OUR Center on *Saturday, Oct. 4*. We served 107 meals to those in need in Longmont. We will also be serving lunch again on *Sunday, Dec. 7*. If you're interested in helping, please contact Tami Musfeldt at tami.m@comcast.net.

Lots of Thanks for all the September Volunteers!

September was a busy month for local Outreach projects. What an amazing group of volunteers FCLC has! Without these volunteers' commitment and time, we would not be successful in these projects. Thank YOU!!

Volunteers for City Clean Up: Thank you to *Jackie and Tom Bilan, Doug Inskeep, Irvin Family, Stacia Keller, Steve and Marcie Mason, Annie Mount, and Ed and Sam Smith* for teaming up with the City of Longmont to help clean up Countryside Village mobile park community in SE Longmont on *Saturday, Sept. 27*. They ended up filling up all six 30-yard dumpsters with trash plus many truckloads of tires, scrap metal, and dead electronics.

Volunteers for HOPE "Soup Angels": Thank you to *Glenn Knipscheer, Laura Lewis, Nanette Goings and all the FCLC middle schoolers* who helped decorate bags and load them with good healthy food. Thank you also to *Craig and Sherry Chaney, Lanette Smallwood and Mary Konicek* for organizing and providing the food on the two different dates. These "sack lunches" were distributed to 35 homeless people in Longmont on *Sunday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 19* through the HOPE organization.

Volunteers for Habitat Workday and Lunch: A BIG thank you goes out to all those who volunteered their entire *Saturday, Sept. 20* to help with the exterior siding and trim work on the Thrivent-sponsored Habitat house in NE Longmont. This includes *Michael and Erin Ciccone, David Droege, Dave Emerson, Scott Erie, Ben Gomez, Marv Heimbichner, Travis Hunting, Tom Kramer, Curt and Ralph Musfeldt, Cherylyn Pizza, Ewald Schelert, and Curt Schroeder*. Also, thank you to *Veta Hartman, Jackie Bilan, Deb Bonner, Joan Flowers, Renee McDermid, Kathe Schelert, Duane Sharp, Kayla Smith, and Ron and Donna Wormke* for helping pre-make and serve the lunch to the Habitat volunteers.

September Yarn Drive - Very Plentiful!

Thank you to everyone who supported the September Yarn Drive. We collected 243 full skeins and over 300 partial skeins. All yarn collected was donated to the Holiday Giving Program which will be used to knit hats, mittens, and scarves for kids in need within the St. Vrain Valley. If you have more yarn to drop off or if you'd like to help with knitting items, please contact Cindy Kidwell at ckidwell@cboce.org or (303) 881-9311.



Thanksgiving Eve

- Worship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26
- with *Holden Evening Prayer* Liturgy
- And... following worship, pumpkin pie, any kind of pie, and other desserts will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up will be in the Narthex to bring a dessert to share.
- Coffee, tea, and lemonade, too



Worship Corner

Diane Sell, Worship & Drama Director



On Sunday, November 2nd, We Celebrate All Saints Sunday.

Historical Tidbits on musical selections at FCLC

The story behind the composer of “For All the Saints”

Our opening hymn will be the well-known and loved hymn “For All the Saints”. The author, William Walsham How, was born into a wealthy British home just before Christmas in 1823. Although born into wealth, he wanted to spend his life serving in humbler places. Like his father, he attended Oxford to study law; but after graduation he entered the Anglican ministry. In 1851 he became a country pastor in a rural setting near the Welsh border. He stayed there for 28 years, during which time he wrote most of his nearly 60 hymns. William was a passionate soul-winner and an evangelical hymnist.

He once said, “A good hymn should be like a good prayer – simple, real, earnest and reverent.” One of William’s greatest hymns is “For All the Saints”, originally titled “Saints Day Hymn—Cloud of Witnesses—Hebrews 12:1.” It was written for All Saints Day (November 1) and is often used as a processional in church services on that day due to the majestic tune. It was first published in 1864.

We have SOUND NEEDS!!!

1. We are in need of some folks who would be willing to run (or be trained in) sound for our Saturday service.
2. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to be put on a rotation schedule to run sound for funerals and weddings.

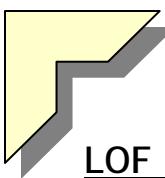
If this ministry is something that might interest you, please contact either Kathy Griffey or Diane Sell at the church.



VPU (Video Production Unit)

“MediaShout” is in place and we are using it a little more each week! We currently are in need of folks to share the responsibility of inputting the services for our weekly worship services. If this is something that sounds like it just might be “up your alley” please contact Stacia Keller. We are also in the process of training folks to learn the Media Shout system and getting more people on the team to run VPU for our weekend services. If this is something that you would like to do, again, Stacia Keller is the lady to see!





Worship Team Notes!



LOF (Leap of Faith Youth team) will lead worship on Sunday, Nov. 2nd!

If you are interested in joining this growing team of singers, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Sell at (303) 776-8771. All are welcome! We will also meet at 6:30 pm Sunday, Nov. 30 to run music for the December lineup! Please note that due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the "Lifesong" musical production, we will only meet one time as a youth team in November to work on new music.

LOF Band

LOF Band will practice on Thursday, Nov. 6 and 20. We will learn new music for December. Please contact Diane Sell if you are unable to make a practice.

LOF Singers to Sing with "Lifesong" Musical!

All kids interested in singing with the cast and band, please plan on attending tech week for the production. You can find those dates under the "dramatic thoughts" of this newsletter!

WOF (Women of Faith Worship Team and Singing Group) will be rehearsing this month from 6:15-7:00 pm Nov. 12 and 19, and from 6:00-6:30 pm Nov. 26. All rehearsals will take place in the sanctuary. Please contact Diane Sell for music and CD. The Women of Faith team will lead worship the weekend of Nov. 29-30, which is the first Sunday in Advent!

DRaMaTiC tHoUgHtS!!

"Lifesong" musical performs this month!

At 7:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 15 and 2 pm Sunday, Nov. 16.



No need to buy tickets this year, just come and hear and experience a good story with an inspirational message. The sanctuary will be transformed into "Island Lifesong", so be prepared! There will be a concessions stand in the Fellowship Hall that will be open 30 minutes before the production and 15 minutes during intermission. You can grab a quick snack, something to drink and visit with cast members and support our drama production with your donations.

You got a glimpse of this group on Sunday, Oct. 16 as they performed "Me and Jesus" at both services. The first three Sundays in November you will hear the youth perform more songs from their production. We have a strong cast of 10 youth who will share the story of what it truly takes to be a leader for Christ in a world where expectations are otherwise.

"Lifesong" cast is still looking for the following items for their production:

1. Snorkel gear
2. Wet suits for three people (two youth Large, 1 youth X-Large)

Please contact either Diane Sell or Mary Timms with your "findings"—many thanks!

More... DRaMaTiC tHoUgHtS!!

"Lifesong" Rehearsal Schedule for November

Sunday, Nov. 2: (extended rehearsal time) 4-7pm

Sunday, Nov. 9: 4-6pm

Tech week rehearsal schedule:

Monday, Nov. 10: 6pm-8pm

Tuesday, Nov. 11: 6pm-8pm

Thursday, Nov. 13: 6pm-8pm

Friday, Nov. 14 (optional rehearsal if needed—*TBD*)

Performance schedule:

Saturday, Nov. 15: Cast call at 6:30pm

Performance at 7:30pm

Sunday, Nov. 16: Cast Call at 1pm

Performance at 2:00 pm

We will strike the set following the Sunday performance; plan on staying till 4:30 pm.

Puppets in Worship!

If you are interested in using your dramatic gifts and be "heard, but not seen," Puppet Ministry in worship just might be for YOU! Please contact Diane Sell if you are interested. Puppets are featured every 4th Sunday of the month during the Children's Message time.

Lenten Dramas

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry that takes place at both Lenten services, please see Diane Sell. I am looking for actors of all ages who would be willing to be in either a monologue setting or small group ensemble setting. The theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit."

Lenten services begin with Ash Wednesday on February 25 and continuing through April 1, 2009, at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Looking ahead...

Third- through fifth-grade "One Act Play" will begin rehearsals 5:00-7:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 3 in the Sanctuary. We will break for dinner at 5:45pm. All rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will run on the same Wednesday nights as WNL and Confirmation (Dec. 3, 10 and 17).

I am looking for parents of this age group to help in the following areas:

- Set design and props
- PR
- Concession stand
- Co-director
- Sound and VPU persons

Production for this "One Act" will be Feb. 6-7. Interested in hearing more about this? See Diane Sell.

All 3rd-5th graders are welcome to join us!

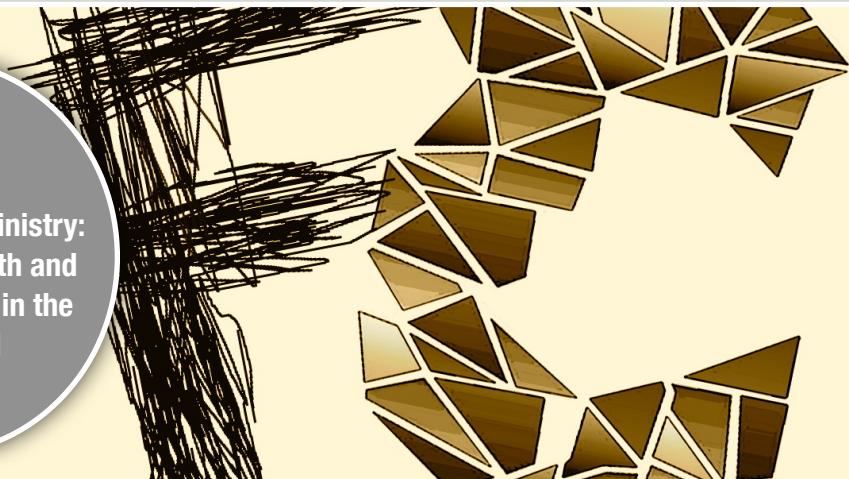
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What is going on in
the Youth ministry

YOUTH

The F.C.

Youth & Family Ministry:
teaching our youth and
families to grow in the
love of God



HERE ARE THE HAPPENINGS FOR NOVEMBER

We have lots going on so here are some recaps from October and some reminders for November



Wanted to give a shout out first to Ian Rosenstein and his band for putting on an amazing concert at Denver's Battle of the Bands. They did an amazing and our High School group was so excited to be a part of it.

Well, we have just finished up our October Retreats with our amazing Middle school and High school ministries. We had an awesome time learning how God wants us to dream but to follow His footsteps and trust in His dream for our lives. He wants us to stay strong like Joseph did always remembering that God is with us and has a plan for us (Genesis 37:50).

There are some amazing things going on this month and we hope you will join us in them. On November 12th through the 16th our students will be participating in an electronic fast: Meaning they will be turning off the cell phones, iPhones, game systems, TVs, and other electronics. They are doing this to raise money for the LOVE INC organization that will be taking this money and giving it back to our

state to help those who are affected by extreme poverty.

We have several High school youth who are attending the Dare2Share organization. This year the group is doing the Invincible Tour where our teenagers and adults who attend will be learning more about sharing their faith and empowering us to share the love of Christ with others. If you want to come along and have a great time of fellowship, amazing speakers and powerful worship, contact Kaydene Hubert or me. Dare2Share happens on November 14th and 15th.

Put on your calendar one fantastic production that is FREE!!! With this financial crunch, what is better than a free night where you will get to see the AMAZING work that Diane Sell and others have poured into students in producing the great play called LIFESONG! Saturday 15th performance at 7:30pm and November 16th performance 2:00 pm.

There is also a great children and family ministry event taking place at LifeBridge on No-

vember 14th at 7:00 pm called Go-Fish! Churches from all over Longmont will be attending as families in the droves to this event and night of fun. If you want more information contact Nanette Goings for tickets.

On November 21st-23rd several of our High school students will be heading up to the YMCA of the Rockies for the Rocky Mountain Synod Gathering. We are anticipating a great weekend of teaching and worship.

Faith Community Lutheran is participating in the Holiday Longmont Parade, "Celebration of Lights." Our students will be designing some banners for the parade and will be handing out candy and information about our church. The parade is December 13th and we hope all can make it. We will be decorating the banners on November 8th, 29th and 30th. Times will be released when we get closer to the event.

God is doing some great things in this church and we are so excited to see Him blessing our youth ministry program. If you would like to be a part of all that is going on, or want more information about it, just shoot me an email or give me a call at the church .



**November 1**

Kiya Augustad

November 2Marilyn Jackson
Linda Tipton
Jared Adams
Evan Carlson**November 3**Jan White
Ann Hovick
Shawn Wormke
Dallas Holstine
Tatum Sharp**November 4**Phil Spreier
Joyce Kotula
Remington Steele**November 5**

Peter Raemer

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Shane Hunting

November 7Roger Olsen
Julie Baas
Trevor Spreier**November 8**Dan Holland
Bradley Wolfe
Chad Ashmore**November 9**Irene Rankin
Janet Streed
Paul Noble
Nicholas Zumhofe
Katherine Herring**November 10**

Mari Sharpe

November 11Reva Bickford
Andrew Miller**November 12**Marilee Gruenberger
Larry Turner
Julie Zumhofe
Mary Timms
Sam Smith**November 13**Bob Thoman
LuAnne Janssen
Andrew Brown**November 14**Kirk Lind
Gabe Vigil
Paige Holstine
Keegan Patterson**November 15**Debra Kankiewicz
Evelyn Cordes
Alexis Nehls**November 16**Ian Rosenstein
Ashley Nicoll
Aaron Nicoll**November 17**Dale Goertz
Greg Kotula
Chad Lewis**November 18**Alex Rinehart
Acacia Lisse**November 19**Tom Wright
Cissy MacDonald-Reed
Robert Reed
Kim Rinehart
Laura Meyers**November 30**

Lembit Kallas

November 21

Miles Olson

November 22Hilde Lowry
Sari Cito
Sara Roth
Shyanne Howes**November 23**Dan Nehls
Julie Knutson
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Herring**November 24**Phillip Lerum
Ryan Spreier**November 25**Steve Mason
LaRae Schaff**November 27**Andy May
Kyler Krantz**November 28**Peggy Gaither
Mark Beckner
Jeanne Ruiz
Nikol Olson
Lia Oldroyd**November 30**Don Borton
Chloe Storaci**November 1**

Harvey & Charlotte Nelson – 22 yrs

November 5Daniel & Amy Magyar – 20 yrs
Robert Reed & Cissy MacDonald-Reed – 3 yrs**November 6**

Tom & Jenny Wright – 43 yrs

November 9

Glenn & Pam Knipscheer – 14 yrs

November 12

Jeff & Teresa Riemenschneider – 25 yrs

November 20

Don & Pat Galyardt – 53 yrs

November 21

Chad & Tracy Ashmore – 3 yrs

November 22

Larry & Alice Turner – 28 yrs

November 23Bob & Pat Neb – 50 yrs
Ken & Mindy Parker – 6 yrs**November 24**

Rob & Diane Elwood – 18 yrs

November 25Scot & Anne Bauder – 30 yrs
Karste & Imelda Goderstad – 5 yrs
Kirk & Shea Olson – 2 yrs**November 26**

Wes & Angela Johnson – 4 yrs

November 27

Michael & Karla Irvin – 16 yrs

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

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Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame,
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a church that is:

- Bible-centered
- Prayer-centered
- Worship-centered with blended styles of music
- Kid-Friendly
- Visitor-Friendly
- A Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- A Model of "First Fruits Giving" (*to various outreach projects*)